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SUBJECT: STUDENT RESISTANCE GROUP CIRCULATES HANDBILL

1. SUMMARY. HANDBILL CALLING FOR STUDENT CAMPUS
BOYCOTT FEBRUARY 17-20 AND DENOUNCING AMERICAN PRESENCE IN
GREECE CIRCULATED CLANDESTINELY AMONG ATHENS STUDENTS
THIS WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW STUDENT RESISTANCE GROUP CALLING ITSELF "ANTI-
DICTATORIAL EFEE" QUIETLY CIRCULATING SMALL CHITS CALLING
FOR FORMATION OF NATIONAL STUDENT RESISTANCE GROUP WITH
MINIMUM COMMON PROGRAM OF OPPOSING REGIME AND LENGTHIER
HANDBILLS MAKING ANTI-AMERICAN ALLEGATIONS. (COMMENT:
NOWHERE IN LITERATURE IS "EFEE" EXPLAINED BUT PRESUMABLY IS
PLAY ON GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED BUT LARGELY DEFUNCT NATIONAL
STUDENT UNION OF GREECE KNOWN BY ACRONYM OF EFEE.)

3. BROADSHEET SAYS IOANNIDES AND AMERICANS ARE STILL
SEARCHING FOR PROPER MAN TO ENSURE PRESERVATION FOREIGN
INTERESTS IN GREECE AND THAT DISCLOSURE OF SCANDALS OF
PAPADOPOULOS REGIME IS SMOKE SCREEN FOR SEARCH
AND FOR CONTINUING ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF STUDNETS.

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EFEE ANNOUNCES ITS STRUGGLE AIMED AT ENDING ARRESTS,

EXILING TO ISLANDS, FREEING ALL PRISONERS OF JUNTA,
ENDING OF MARTIAL LAW, ENSURING UNIVERSITY FREEDOM AND
ASYLUM, AND CESSATION OF JUNTA BARGAINING WITH FASCISTS
AND WITH AMERICANS. CALLS FOR FOUR-DAY CLASSROOM BOYCOTT
FEBRUARY 17-20 AND THEN ORDERLY RETURN TO CAMPUSES
BECAUSE "THERE IS WHERE WE SHALL COLLECT OUR POWER."

4.COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT EXPLICIT, ANTI-DICTATORIAL
EFEE CALL FOR CLASSROOM BOYCOTT IS APPEAL WITHIN GREEK
TRADITION OF HONORING DEAD UPON THIRD MONTH OF DEATH
AND IMPLICIT REFERENCE IS TO POLYTECHNION "MARTYRS" OF
LAST NOVEMBER 16-17. SLOGANS LIKE "DEATH TO FASCISM"
AND "OUT THE AMERICANS" AS WELL AS PHILOSOPHY OF
HANDBILL SUGGESTS COMMUNIST-ORIENTATION OF ITS DRAFTERS.
GREEK STUDENTS ENGAGED IN END OF TERM EXAMINATIONS
NEXT WEEK, AND IT WOULD BE SURPRISE IF MANY OF THEM
HEED CALL TO MISS EXAMS WHEN ACADEMIC PRESSURES ARE SO
INTENSE BECAUSE OF EARLIER SEMESTER DISRUPTIONS AND WHEN
ATMOSPHERE IN STUDENT CIRCLES IS ONE OF FEAR AND
INTIMIDATION, REINFORCED BY RECENT INCIDENT REPORTED
GREEK PRESS FEBRUARY 15 THAT TWENTY-YEAR-OLD STUDENT
IN PATRAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTH PRISON FOR FAILURE
TO SHOW ID CARD TO POLICEMAN UPON REQUEST AND OTHER
RUMORED STUDENT ARRESTS.
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